

REMARKS

The Office Action dated December 1, 2004 has been received and reviewed by the applicant. Each claim stands rejected as either as anticipated by Ogawa, et al or as being unpatentable over Ogawa et al in view of one or more secondary references.

In setting the framework for the rejections, the Office Action notes that the original claims include limitations not disclosed in the parent application in sufficient detail to comply with the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112. Specifically with respect to Original Claim 1, the Office Action suggests that the parent application does not disclose either "a digital memory removably mounted in the camera housing" or "user selecting an image from the digital memory."

Applicants have, in the interest of furthering prosecution, removed the "removable" limitation and the requirement for user selection of images to be printed from Claim 1. Accordingly, Claim 1 is entitled to the benefit of the filing date of the prior application, and the Ogawa et al. patent, which was filed non-PCT in the United States on January 30, 1997, does not anticipate that filing date of April 4, 1997. Claims 2-13 depend from Claim 1 and are allowable therewith.

Claim 14 is newly submitted, but the Examiner is advised that the new claim is similar to Claim 1 as originally filed and includes the phrases objected to by the Examiner. Specifically, Claim 14 recites "a digital memory removably mounted in the camera housing" and "user selecting an image from the digital memory." Original claim 1 was denied the benefit of the earlier filed application; the Office Action suggesting that the parent application does not disclose either "a digital memory removably mounted in the camera housing" or "user selecting an image from the digital memory."

It is respectfully pointed out that the priority application discloses removable memory for transferring images to a printer. Specifically, the next to last paragraph of the specification states:

*"Any such media parameters, fixed parameters, and variable parameters may be transferred from printer 30 to camera 10 by means of a **removable non-volatile memory cartridge 52** shown in Figure 3. **The memory cartridge may also be used to transfer images between the camera and the printer.** As used herein, the phrases "camera interface and printer interface" are*

intended to include cable connections, transferable memory, radiation transmission (light, microwave, infrared, etc.), and other forms of information transfer between components.” (emphasis added)

Applicants argue that the quoted passages were sufficient at the time that the parent application was filed to allow a skilled worker in the field of digital cameras and printer to provide removable memory for transferring images between system components.

With regard the user selection of images to be printed, the priority application sets forth

“When an image in either volatile memory 14 or nonvolatile memory 20 is selected for printing, image processor 18 processes said selected image using the fixed and variable parameters which are stored in parameter memory 22, and transmits the processed image to the printer by means of interfaces 24 and 32.”

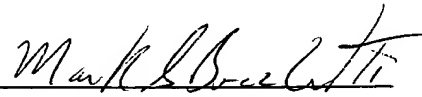
Although the quoted passage does not specifically state that the images selected for printing are “user-selected,” workers of ordinary skill in the art understood at the time that the priority application was filed that it was the users of camera/printer systems who select those images to be printed. Applicants argue that the quoted passages were sufficient at the time that the parent application was filed to allow a skilled worker in the field of digital cameras and printer to provide for the selection of the images.

Since the rejection of original claim 1 depends on anticipation by Ogawa et al., elimination of Ogawa et al. as a reference overcome the rejection as it would apply to new Claim 14.

Claims 1, 2, 12 and 13 are hereby amended and new claim 14 is submitted. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims as amended is requested for the following reasons.

For the reasons set forth above, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and favorable action are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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